Complaints against the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory and Mint.

213. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiry into the complaints made by the subordinates of the Mint and Stamp Manufactory against the Superintendent?

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Superintendent has not forwarded the petitions of some of the subordinates addressed to the Dewan through the Superintendent?

(*c*) If he has already forwarded them, on what dates did the Superintendent receive them and on what dates were they forwarded to the Dewan?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The complaints are being enquired into.

(*b*) The Member is referred to the answer to part (1) (*b*) of interpellation No. 212 asked by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

MR M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the enquiry?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The enquiry is not yet complete. The allegations are being enquired into.

MR M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): After the completion of the enquiry, will they be pleased to communicate the result of the enquiry to the Council?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I cannot promise.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the objection?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That will arise only after the enquiry is completed. Your question therefore, strictly speaking, does not arise out of the question.

Withholding of increment to the junior clerk of the Stamp Manufactory.

214. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the junior clerk's increment was withheld by the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory for a long time, and now claimed without arrears?

(2) If so, is it due to the fact that this clerk refused to comply with the request of the Superintendent to accept a transfer to the Observatory?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (1) The junior clerk's increment was withheld for bad work under Article 96 of the Travancore Service Regulations.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

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